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Attention: Box Patent Application

Re: New Patent Application  
Inventors: Werner P. Schlecht et al

Sir:

Please find attached hereto an application for patent which includes:  
Specification, Claims, Declaration, Power of Attorney.

Priority Document, the rights of priority of which are claimed herewith  
under 35 U.S.C. 119: German Application No. 100 62 690.4 filed December 16,  
2000.

Drawing: 10 Sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-14).

Fee (see formula below) check enclosed.

Basic Fee \$370/740..... \$ 740.00

Additional Fees:

Total number of claims in excess of 20 45 times \$9/18 \$ 810.00

Number of independent claims 2 (1,32)  
in excess of 3: 0 times \$42/84..... \$ ----

Multiple Dependent Claim \$140/280..... \$ ----

An assignment is likewise enclosed; Recording Fee \$40. \$ 40.00

TOTAL FEES FOR THE ABOVE APPLICATION... \$ 1,590.00

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